

TOWN OF HANSON CITIZEN SURVEY

As part of our continuing efforts to make Hanson a great place to live, we need input from our citizens. Please take this brief survey. Your answers will be completely confidential.

1 To start, what age range best describes you?

Please check one



- Under 18
- 18-25
- 26-40
- 41-55
- 56-65
- 66-70
- 71 and up
- Prefer not to say

2 Which of the following best describes your relationship with the Hanson?

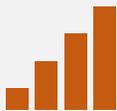


Check all that apply

- Own a home in Hanson
- Rent a home or property in Hanson
- Work in Hanson
- Have children who have previously attended Whitman-Hanson schools
- Have children currently enrolled in Whitman-Hanson schools
- Volunteer in Hanson
- Live with family or friends in Hanson

3 How many years have you lived in Hanson?

Select one



- Fewer than 5
- 5-10 years
- 11-20 years
- 21-30 years
- 31-50 years
- More than 50 years

4 What are the three most important issues current facing Hanson?

Please select only 3



- Roads/transportation and upkeep
- Business and economic development
- Schools/education
- Public safety (police and fire)
- Housing
- Town services (offices and programs, etc.)
- Parks and recreation
- Environmental issues
- Property tax rates
- Fees and licenses
- Land use/open space issues
- Opioid misuse and other substance abuse
- Capital planning (towns, buildings, vehicles, etc.)
- Wages of town employees
- Senior services
- Water quality
- Cellphone connectivity
- High-speed internet
- Waste management
- Crime
- Other

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5 If you had to choose, which of the following strategies would you like the Town to adopt to increase revenues (funds coming in)?



Check only one

- Increase property taxes
- Increase excise taxes
- Increase the cost of license, fees, etc.
- Grow tax base through new economic development
- No opinion

6 Of the following Town offices, which one do you interact with the most frequently?



Check only one

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Assessors Office | <input type="checkbox"/> Fire Department |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Select Board/Town Administrator | <input type="checkbox"/> Town Accountant |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Building Inspector | <input type="checkbox"/> Town Clerk |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Town Collector |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Council on Elder Affairs/Senior Center | <input type="checkbox"/> Veterans Affairs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Board of Health | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Department |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Highway Department | <input type="checkbox"/> Whitman-Hanson Regional Schools |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Library | <input type="checkbox"/> Town Treasurer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Planning Department | <input type="checkbox"/> Town Administrator's Office |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation Department | <input type="checkbox"/> Select Board |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Police Department | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above |

7 How would you rate the quality of life in Hanson on a scale of 1-5, from "very poor" to "very good"?



Circle one

- 1 Very poor
- 2 Poor
- 3 Average
- 4 Good
- 5 Very Good

8 How would you rate the Town's communication and engagement with the public?



Circle one

- 1 Very poor
- 2 Poor
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9 How would you rate Hanson as place to raise a family?



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10 How would you rate Hanson as place to retire?



- Circle one
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 - 2 Poor
 - 3 Average
 - 4 Good
 - 5 Very Good

11 How would you rate Hanson as a place to own a business?



- Circle one
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12 What is one type of business that you think is missing in Hanson?



13 Do you think there is an adequate supply of housing in Hanson?



Check one

- Yes
- No

14 What specific type of housing is missing?



Check one

- Single-family homes
- Rental housing
- Multi-family complexes of two stories, with fewer than 20 units
- Larger multi-family complexes of two stories with more than 20 units
- Senior/age-restricted housing
- Affordable housing
- Accessory dwelling units
- Other

15 Do you attend Town Meeting?



Check one

- Yes
- No

16 What would make it more likely for you to attend Town Meeting?



Check one

- Hold Town Meeting earlier in the evening (before 7:30 pm)
- Hold it on a different weekday
- Better communication about what is being discussed/decided
- Other

17 How would you rate the maintenance of the town's community parks and open spaces?



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18 How would you rate the opportunities to participate in Town government?



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19 How do you get your information about town boards and committees?



- Check one Newspaper
- Town website
- Social media
- Cable television
- Friends/neighbors
- Other

How would you rate the information available to you regarding Hanson's various Boards and Commissions?

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Is there anything else you would like to tell us?

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Thank you for your valuable input!